Hello everyone, we have unfortunate news to share.

On January 6th, 2026, I learned that the artist who illustrated some of my avatar and Pauline's artwork on Ask Mario did something truly heinous.

After thinking it over and discussing it with my team, we've decided that we will not be using any of the Ask Mario artwork that she made solely on her own, as we don't want anything on the channel to be associated with anything harmful. Luckily, over the past two years, the art she made for my avatar has *mostly* been edited and re-worked by Professor Lambeo, our current head artist, but there's still some work to do.

The role for illustrating my avatar's art was first given to Monica (Nintendrawer), then to Jason (DoJayMi), and then to Pauline's former artist for new art and editing/reworking of previously made art. The role was then given to Professor Lambeo (he wishes to remain anonymous) for final editing and reworking. Because my avatar's art has been passed around to multiple artists as a semi-collaborative project, we will not be redrawing all of it from scratch and continue to edit it as we see fit. I will be updating most of the remaining thumbnails that don't have the latest Slick Frame art, such as the thumbnails for the old commentary videos.

As for Pauline's artwork, we're currently looking for a new artist to give her a "fresh coat of paint". Depending on how the creative process goes, we may reference her old art to speed things along, but there's a chance we'll be completely redrawing and reorganizing it from scratch with new poses. This is still to be determined, and although it took months of hard work and a lot of money for us to make Pauline look as amazing as she currently does, we're certain our audience will feel much more comfortable knowing that she'll be drawn by someone else.

As for the videos that currently feature Pauline's old artwork, like Ask Mario episodes 21, 29-35, and various YouTube shorts, I will update the thumbnails with new artwork as soon as I can. I haven't yet decided if I'll re-edit and re-upload the videos with Pauline's new artwork, but I do have a potential shortcut method, so I'll keep you all posted on that when the time comes.

When our current fundraiser "The K. Rool Pool" is funded, we might begin a new fundraiser to help raise money to update Pauline's artwork. We currently don't know how long the art process will take or how much it will cost, so Pauline will not be physically present on Ask Mario for a good while. For the Season 3 Marathon and other foreseeable appearances, she will call in on the tablet with new artwork, because that's all we can do for the time being.

The social media links of the previous artist have been deleted from every video on the channel to avoid further association. I am disappointed that Slick Frame and Pauline, two characters meant to spread laughter and joy, have been associated with someone capable of such a heinous act. None of us on the team expected this to happen, and we're all grieving. If any of you are uncomfortable watching the videos that feature Pauline's old artwork, that is *completely* understandable. I hope that as many of you as possible can focus more on the joy and laughter that the team and I try to bring to the channel, but none of us will hold it against you if you struggle to do so.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by this horrible atrocity, and we hope you're able to find peace.

-Slick Frame James & the Ask Mario team.

(Please do not pressure me or anyone else on the Ask Mario team to share specific details on this event, we will not be discussing it any further, thank you.)